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TAGS: OVIP (SCHLESINGER, JAMES)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SECDEF VISIT TO FRG

REFERENCE: TELCONS BETWEEN MINISTER CASH AND DASD (ISA)

BERGOLD, 8 AND 9 OCTOBER, 1974

1. PER REFERENCED CONVERSATIONS, EMBASSY BONN:

A. WAS ASKED TO DETERMINE, ON AN INFORMAL BASIS, THE FMOD'S REACTION TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER MIGHT MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE FRG, IF THAT VISIT CONVENIENTLY COULD BE ARRANGED ON 4-5 NOVEMBER BEFORE THE NPG MEETING IN ROME.

B. RESPONDED THAT MINISTER LEBER AGREED IN PRINCIPLE
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AND TENTATIVELY IS FREE ON 4-5 NOVEMBER.

2. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WOULD LIKE TO ACCEPT MINISTER LEBER'S LONG-STANDING OPEN INVITATION TO VISIT BONN AS LEBER'S OFFICIAL GUEST, TENTATIVELY ON 5 NOVEMBER (WITH ARRIVAL TENTATIVELY EVENING 4 NOVEMBER AND DEPARTURE MORNING 6 NOVEMBER) AND WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO PARTICIPATING IN WHATEVER ACTIVITIES MOD MIGHT WANT TO ARRANGE. SECDEF WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS NATO MATTERS WITH MINISTER LEBER, INCLUDING THE LONG-RANGE DEFENSE CONCEPT EMBODIED IN THE US PAPER ON MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE AND THE PROBLEMS ON THE SOUTHERN FLANK. ALSO HE WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE

VIEWS ON THE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF THE NORWEGIAN-SOVIET TALKS ON SPITZBERGEN.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED APPROACH THE FMOD ON A FORMAL BASIS TO ADVISE THAT, SHOULD MINISTER LEBER EXTEND AN INVITATION TO SECRETARY SCHLESINGER FOR A 5 NOVEMBER 1974 OFFICIAL VISIT, THE SECRETARY WOULD BE MOST HAPPY TO ACCEPT. KISSINGER

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